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SUBJ: STANDARD ELECTRIC (ITT SUBSIDIARY) TAKEN BY WORKERS

1. STANDARD ELECTRIC GEN.MGR. MIGUEL CARAM, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HIS PLANT TAKEN BY WORKERS ON JUNE 29. SIMILAR FATE BEFELL MANY FACTORIES IN HEAVILY INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS OF SANTIAGO FOLLOWING CALLS BY CENTRAL UNICA DE TRABAJADORES (CUT) AND PRES. ALLENDE FOR WORKERS TO TAKE OVER THEIR PLACES OF BUSINESS. ACCORDING TO CARAM CUT SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED MOST FIRMS COULD BE RETURNED, BUT THAT SEVEN OF THOSE TAKEN WERE "ESSENTIAL" TO CHILEAN ECONOMY AND SHOULD PASS TO SOCIAL AREA. STANDARD ELECTRIC ONLY ONE OF THE SEVEN WITH U.S. INTERESTS AND IS ON LATEST LIST OF "93" FIRMS TO PASS TO GOC CONTROL. (104 IF SPECIAL HANDLING CASES CONSIDERED.)

2. ACCORDING TO CARAM, STANDARD ELECTRIC WORKERS REPORTED TO CUT LEADERSHIP THAT CONTRACT CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED WITH STANDARD ELECTRIC (SPAIN) WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF LOCAL COMPANY WERE TOTALLY INCORPORATED INTO SOCIAL AREA. WORKERS SUGGESTED BETTER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO NEGOTIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF MIXED-COMPANY TO PRESERVE POSSIBILITY OF SPANISH CONTRACT. CARAM OPINED THAT EVEN THIS ACTION COULD JEOPARDIZE SPANISH

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CONTRACT.

3. CARAM PLANNING TO MEET WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY
(CHITELCO) INTERVENTOR AFTERNOON JULY 2 TO SEE IF
LATTER CAN SHED LIGHT AS TO STANDARD ELECTRIC'S IMMEDIATE
FUTURE. TILL NOW THERE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN NO OFFICIAL
GOVERNMENT REACTION.
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